

FATHER OF THE BRIDE'S SPEECH

The perfect father of the bride's speech sticks to a simple formula with 6 key phases.

1. **Introduction.** Introduce yourself. Start with a gag or something light hearted to get an early laugh and relax yourself and your guests. 

2. **The Formal Bit.** Welcome everyone to the wedding on behalf of yourself and the bride's mother (it's a big day for her too), especially the Groom's parents and family. Offer a toast to "absent friends". 

3. **Daddy's Girl.** This is your chance to perhaps get a little revenge on your daughter and tell a couple of funny stories from her youth. It's also your chance to tell her how proud you are of her and all that she means to you. 

4. **Here Comes The Groom.** . Mention the Groom and formally welcome him into your family. This is also a good chance to make a joke about him or perhaps mention the first time you met him and what you *really* thought at the time or how he and your daughter first met. 

5. **Words Of Wisdom.** . You are the elder statesman of the wedding party so it's your role to offer some words of advice or insights into marriage, this is a good place to deliver some jokes or quotes. 

6. **The Toast.** Finish your speech by asking everyone to stand and raise their glasses to the newlyweds. This might be done by the Best Man as well but it's the traditional way to bring your speech to a close.

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